

Mars Hill Baptist Church
Unnumbered Rte., .5 mi. S of
Little Soap Creek, approx.
4 mi. NW of Floris
Floris Vicinity
Wapello County
Iowa

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HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

STATE IOWA	COUNTY WAPELLO	TOWN OR VICINITY FLORIS VICINITY
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) MARS HILL BAPTIST CHURCH		HABS NO. IA-74
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) On unnumbered county Rte., .5 miles S. of Little Soap Creek, approx. 4 miles NW of Floris.		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Built circa 1850	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) This small structure is thought to be one of the oldest log churches remaining in the state.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Constructed of hewn logs with dovetail notching.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) One story in height, the church measures 26' x 28'.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Capped with a gable roof, the entrance to the church is on the gable end. The gables are constructed of clapboard.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) The one room church is open in plan		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Museum.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE The church lies adjacent to a picturesque cemetery.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Shank, Wesley I., <u>The Iowa Catalog: Historic American Buildings Survey</u> , University of Iowa Press, Iowa City, 1979.		
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